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To amend the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 to authorize construction, maintenance, and operation of a new stadium in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON (by request) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on the District of Columbia and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia
5 Stadium Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF A NEW STADIUM.**

7 The District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 (Pub-
8 lic Law 85–300, September 7, 1957; 71 Stat. 619) is

1 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
2 section:

3 “SEC. 12. (a) The District of Columbia is hereby au-
4 thorized to use the portion of the lands leased to it pursu-
5 ant to section 7 adjacent to the stadium constructed pur-
6 suant to section 2 of the Act (known as ‘Robert F. Ken-
7 nedy Memorial Stadium’), as generally shown on the map
8 identified as ‘Map to Designate Location of Stadiums and
9 Lease of Parking Lots to the District’, and further identi-
10 fied as National Park Service Drawing No. 831/87306,
11 for the purposes of constructing, maintaining, and operat-
12 ing, itself or through a third party, either public or pri-
13 vate, a new stadium, or any replacement thereof. Such use
14 shall not be limited by the seating capacity, cost, and other
15 limitations included in section 2.

16 “(b)(1) Except for those lands used by the District
17 of Columbia for the new stadium authorized by subsection
18 (a), use of the National Park Service lands leased to the
19 District of Columbia for stadium and stadium parking lots
20 purposes pursuant to section 7(b) shall continue in accord
21 with the provisions of that section. The term of the au-
22 thorized use is hereby extended for a period not to exceed
23 99 years from the date of enactment of this section. Noth-
24 ing within section 7(b), or the lease or deed executed pur-
25 suant thereto, shall be construed to limit the authority or

1 ability of the District of Columbia to sublease or otherwise
2 encumber the lands to a third party, either public or pri-
3 vate, for any use consistent with the use authorized by
4 section 7(b), and for any term not exceeding that which
5 is authorized in this Act.

6 “(2) Responsibility and authority for construction,
7 maintenance, and operation of the parking lots on Na-
8 tional Park Service lands leased pursuant to this Act to
9 the District of Columbia for parking lots purposes is vest-
10 ed exclusively in the District of Columbia. Such respon-
11 sibility and authority for the parking lots may be assigned
12 by the District of Columbia to a third party under any
13 sublease executed pursuant to authority provided in sub-
14 section (a). The National Park Service shall not be respon-
15 sible for construction, maintenance, or operation of the
16 parking lots, or any costs arising therefrom.

17 “(c)(1) Except for that area of land used by the Dis-
18 trict of Columbia for the new stadium authorized by sub-
19 section (a), and that area of land bounded by the Armory
20 Plaza bridge approaches of the Whitney Young Memorial
21 Bridge, the lands designated as ‘Area F’ on the map enti-
22 tled ‘Map to Designate Transfer of Stadium and Lease
23 of Parking Lots to the District’, and identified as ‘NPS
24 drawing number 831/87306’, referenced in section 11
25 (hereafter in this section referred to as the ‘Area F Park-

ing Areas'), shall be made available to the District of Columbia, or any sublessee of the District of Columbia, for the stadium parking lots purposes specified in section 7(b), during the term of use of stadium parking lots authorized by subsection (b)(1), only for 'overflow' parking, that is not to exceed 1,200 automobiles, and is to be used only when the stadium is sold out and all other stadium parking lot areas are filled to capacity.

“(2) Use of Area F Parking Areas shall be in accord with such reasonable terms and conditions specified in an agreement between the National Park Service and the District of Columbia as are necessary to ensure that the Area F Parking Areas are maintained as grassed park land suitable for public recreational uses.

“(3) The National Park Service shall not be responsible for improvement, maintenance, or operation of the Area F Parking Areas, or any costs arising therefrom.

“(d) Responsibility and authority for construction, maintenance, naming, and operation of the new stadium authorized by subsection (a) is vested exclusively in the District of Columbia. Such responsibility and authority for the new stadium may be assigned by the District of Columbia to a third party. The National Park Service shall not be responsible for construction, maintenance, naming,

1 or operation of the new stadium, or any costs arising
2 therefrom.

3 “(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of
4 June 1, 1910 (ch. 263, 36 Stat. 4562, codified in D.C.
5 Code sections 5–401 through 5–409 (1981) (An Act to
6 regulate the height of buildings in the District of Colum-
7 bia)), any stadium authorized by subsection (a), the design
8 of which has been reviewed by the Commission of Fine
9 Arts, and reviewed and approved by the National Capital
10 Planning Commission may be constructed.”.

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